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1. IN MEETING, MAR 30, WITH FSFA ASSISTANT SECRETARY
BERNARDIC, CHARGE MADE PRESENTATION BASED ON REF A. STRESSED
WAS THE NEED TO RETURN TO ORIGINAL DRAFT PARA C (REFS B,C)
WHERE AGREEMENT WAS NEAR.

2. AFTER REPEATING AT LENGTH YUGOSLAV OBJECTIONS TO THE
ORIGINAL U.S. REQUIREMENT FOR CONSULTATIONS, BERNARDIC ADMITTED
THAT THE NEW PARA C REFLECTED A CHANGE IN THE GOY POSITION.
GOY FELT IT COULD NOT FORECLOSE FUTURE OPTION OF REPROCESSING
OR RETRANSFER OF SPENT FUEL--ESPECIALLY UNDER PRESSURE OF A
SUPERPOWER. QUOTE TO GIVE UP THIS RIGHT IS TO PUT US IN YOUR
HANDCUFFS . UNQUOTE. BERNARDIC STRESSED GOY RELUCTANCE TO
GO BEYOND INTERNATIONAL COMMITMENTS. CHARGE POINTED OUT
THAT U.S. HAD GIVEN UP REQUEST FOR BILATERAL AGREEMENT AND THEN
CONSULTATIONS, AND THAT GOY NEED NOT FEAR SUBSEQUENT U.S.
PRESSURE FOR NEW CONCESSIONS SINCE UPON SATISFACTORY CONCLUSION
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EQUIPMENT LICENSE WOULD BE ISSUED IMMEDIATELY
AND FUEL LICENSE ISSUED EXPEDITIOUSLY.

3. CHARGE DESCRIBED REF D BRIEFLY AND, AT BERNARDIC'S
REQUEST, WILL RETURN MAR 31 AT NOON FOR FULL PRESENTATION
AND RESUMPTION OF KRSKO DISCUSSION.

4. BERNARDIC'S STRESS ON INTERNATIONAL COMMITMENTS AND THE
GOY RELUCTANCE TO GIVE OPEN-ENDED COMMITMENT LEADS EMBASSY TO
SUGGEST THE FOLLOWING COMPROMISE LANGUAGE FOR PARA C:

(C) IT ENSUES FROM THE TREATY ON THE NON-PROLIFERATION
OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS AND OTHER AGREEMENTS CONCLUDED WITH RE-
SPECT TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE NUCLEAR POWER PLANT
KRSKO THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF THE SFR OF YUGOSLAVIA WILL NOT PERMIT
ANY TRANSFER TO OTHER COUNTRIES OF ANY NUCLEAR MATERIAL OR
EQUIPMENT WHICH THE UNITED STATES SUPPLIES FOR THE REACTOR
OF THE NUCLEAR POWER PLANT KRSKO, NOR WILL IT PERMIT ANY
TRANSFER, PROCESSING OR ANY OTHER DISPOSITION OF ANY OTHER
NUCLEAR FUEL OBTAINED THROUGH RADIATION IN THE REACTOR OF
THE NUCLEAR POWER PLANT KRSKO EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE STIPULATED
IN FUTURE INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS EACHED WITHIN
THE FRAMEWORK OF THE IAEA ON THE SUBJECT OF THE DISPOSITION
OF NUCLEAR FUEL AND EQUIPMENT.

5. THE EXACT LANGUAGE OF THE FINAL CLAUSE BEGINNING
"EXCEPT" COULD BE ADJUSTED. THE IDEA HAS NOT BEEN BROACHED
TO THE YUGOSLAVS. APPRECIATE COMMENTS IN TIME FOR THURSDAY'S
MEETING.
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